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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Declines to replace at present the V of the Sri Siddilingeswaraswami temple at Yediyur in the Kunigal Taluk, which were lost by fire.

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

File No. 9 - 7

SUBJECT.

Re the loss from fire of 2 Vahanams belonging to the Sri Siddalingeswaraswami temple at Jediyur, Kunigal Taluk

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District

letter No. 592, dated 6th May 1908.

Step A.

Sri Siddalingeswaraswami temple at Jediyur in the Kunigal Taluk is a Muzrai Institution endowed with extensive Inam lands in the Kunigal Taluk It has been from the year 1904-05, under the direct management of Govt.

The Deputy Commissioner reports that at about 11. Pm on the 18th February last, the thatched roof under which the Bilvavriksha and Parvata Vahanams of the temple had been kept, took fire, burning down the roof and the woodwork of the Vahanams, leaving only the iron frame work, that a bull calf and a calf

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tied in a stone mantap close by & perished in the flames, the fire having extended to that portion also, and that the fire was then put down with the help of the villagers As to the cause of the outbreak of the fire, it is reported that it was purely an accident The value of the Vahanams thus lost is stated to be Rs 300/-. The Deputy Commissioner reports that he has directed the Amildar to submit proposals for replacing the Vahanams. 469

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Serial No.

To

The Deputy Comr., Kurnool

G O no 5104, dt 23 9 08

Records the above communication of the Deputy Commissioner, and requests the submission of the promised report regarding the proposed replacement of the Vahanams of the Sri Siddaneswaraswami temple at Yedigu, valued at Rs 800/- lost by fire

From

The Deputy Comm^r, Kurnool Dt.

no 365, dated 23 12. 08

Reports that the replacement of the lost Vahanams is estimated to cost Rs 1000/-, which the Instn can ill afford to pay at present, owing to the small savings of Rs 1,800/- remaining at its credit and to the prospect of the income during the coming Jatra being poor, on account of the seasonal conditions, and recommends therefore that the replacement of the Vahanams may be deferred to better times when the funds of the Instn will have improved and the devotees will come forward of their own accord to contribute for the replacement of the Vahanams in question.

Subd with a draft

Issue

By

GPB—50 000—1²-5-08

READ—

Petitions Nos. 1094 and 2358, dated 4th December 1902 and 12th March 1903, respectively, from Nagasandra Appiah Setti and others complaining of the mismanagement by the Pujaris, of the Sri Siddalingeswaraswami temple at Yediyur, Kunigal Taluk.

AND—

The following letter No. 552, dated 2nd May 1904, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, reporting on the above.

"The temple of Sri Siddalingeswaraswami is situated at Yediyur, Kunigal Taluk, and is endowed with the undermentioned Inam lands:—

Village.	Survey No.	Class.	Extent.	Assessment.	Jodi.	Remarks.
			A. G	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p	
Yediyur ...	3	Dry ...	28 18	1 12 0	0 6 0	
	29	Do ...	5 10	5 0 0	1 2 0	
	59	Do ...	1 31	1 8 0	0 4 0	
	62	Do ...	4 32	4 8 0	1 0 0	
	78	Do ...	16 24	11 0 0	2 8 0	
	85	Do ...	6 4	6 0 0	1 13 0	
	68	Do ...	14 20	11 0 0	...	Reported to be Sarvamanyam lands.
	69	Do ...	24 27	20 0 0		
	73	Do ...	3 33	2 8 0		
	74	Do ...	21 20	11 0 0		
	89	Do ...	3 25	12 0 0	12 0 0	
Thaggikuppe	30	Do and wet.	6 6	12 0 0	11 0 0	Rs. 5-13-2 is deducted on account of the money allowance and the balance Rs. 11 alone confirmed.
	52	Wet ...	1 39	9 0 0		
	58	Do ...	0 10	1 0 0		
Ragihalli	36	Kharab ...	14 4	.....	... ..	

Though no mention of cash Tasdik is made in the Ready Money Inam Register, a sum of Rs. 5-13-2 is deducted from the Quit-rent payable on the Inam lands on account of money allowance (*vide* remark entered in the Muzrai Quit-rent Register of the Kunigal Taluk) against Survey Nos. 30, 52 and 58 of the Thaggikuppe village.

2. There are at present six Archaks, otherwise known as stanikas, performing the puja by turns and enjoying the Inam lands in proportion to their respective shares in the puja hak. Of these Inams Survey Nos. 36 and 74 are topes of Ippe and other trees, the produce of which goes to the temple.

3. Petitions are being presented to this office by the inhabitants of Yediyur, Haleoor and Gubbi, since 1902, complaining that the temple affairs are mismanaged by the Archaks and praying that the temple may be taken over under Government management.

4. In submitting the record of enquiry regarding the several allegations made against the Archaks, the Amildar of Kunigal states that:—

I. The Archaks not having produced the ornaments for inspection when called upon to do so, it could not be ascertained what ornaments have been mortgaged by them as alleged in the petitions;

II. The stipulated services, for which puduvat funds were deposited by the devotees as also by the late Dalvai Nanjaraj Urs, are not being performed now;

III. Several of the Vahanas are in utter disrepair and no attempt has been made by the Archaks to repair them;

IV. Rank vegetation is allowed to grow in the temple;

V. The Archaks have not taken steps to replace the two broken and unserviceable wheels of the temple car;

VI. The temple income which is between 500 and 600 Rupees during the annual car festival is appropriated by the Archaks for their own use;

VII. The Archaks have allowed Inam lands Survey Nos. 62 and 58 to be enjoyed by one Thotanna, a relative of theirs; and

VIII. The Archaks have felled and removed several Ippe and other trees standing on Inams Survey Nos. 36 and 74 which they have not replaced by new ones.

5. Upon complaints against the Archaks in the year 1882, the Amildar of the Taluk sent up a report to the Deputy Commissioner and by an order No. 290, dated 26th July 1882, the Deputy Commissioner declined interference with the Archaks on the ground that the temple was not a Muzrai Institution. The mismanagement of the affairs of the temple by the Archaks having again become the subject of an enquiry in the Taluk in the year 1885, the then Amildar appointed an Agent and five Panchayetdars and ordered two registers to be maintained, one for exhibiting the presents of jewels, etc., made by devotees and the other for the cash transactions. The keeping of accounts was entrusted to Narayen Iyengar, Shanbhog of Yediyur. The management continued only for a year and four months. The Archaks again complained of interference and the matter went up before the Deputy Commissioner who passed an order No. 344, dated 19th August 1886, to affirm the order of 21st July 1882. On the strength of this order, the Archaks had the ornaments, etc., of the temple restored to them, as will appear from the Amildar's present report.

6. In a petition (paper No. 4, File A) presented to this office by Virathaiya, one of the Archaks, he prays that the temple may, under the present state of things, be taken under Government management; but the remaining Archaks protest against it alleging that the temple is not a Muzrai Institution, as it does not receive a money grant, as held by the former Deputy Commissioners. This protest is untenable as Government Proceedings No. 223-30 of the 6th August 1896, based on the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 1591—Gl. 41 of the 16th May 1877, declares that temples enjoying only land Inams are as much subject to the supervision of the local Muzrai officers as those enjoying Ready money grants.

7. In the present instance, the temple enjoys Inam lands as well as a deduction of Rs. 5-13-2 from the Quit-rent, which may be regarded as a substitute for money grant.

8. In these circumstances, I beg to recommend that the temple in question be under Government management."

No. 3848-56— DATED (CAMP, T. NARSIPUR), 10TH JUNE 1904.

ORDER THEREON.—The Deputy Commissioner's letter read above, contains a clear summary of the facts of the case. In 1882 and 1886, the then Deputy Commissioners refused to interfere in the affairs of the temple on the ground that it was not a Muzrai Institution, apparently losing sight of the late Chief Commissioner's ruling contained in Proceedings No. 1591—Gl. 41 of the 16th May 1877 (re-affirmed in Government Order No. 223-30—Muzrai F. 11-96, dated 6th August 1896). The temple has in all 146 acres of Inam lands, bearing a total assessment of Rs. 108-4-0, the Jodi payable on which is Rs. 30-1-0. The Deputy Commissioners' orders of 1882 and 1886 have led to gross mismanagement with impunity till now on the part of the Pujaris who have been looking upon the temple income as a sort of family benefice. In the absence of an express order that the temple was a Muzrai Institution, the Amildar, as appears from his report, felt that he could not put pressure on the Pujaris to disclose the real state of affairs. They evaded showing the Amildar the temple jewels when asked to do so, pretending that the key of the box containing them was with one of their partners, who was not in the station. The Amildar says in his report that this was a fictitious story. It is not clear what the income of the temple is, but there is evidence to show that during a period of about 16 months from January 1885 to May 1886, there was an income from *kanikes* alone of Rs. 241-1-4 in cash and of Rs. 2,433-4-0 in the shape of jewels, total Rs. 2,674-5-4 (*vide* Amildar's report). During the annual car festival the temple is also said to get an income of Rs. 500 or Rs. 600. Besides these, there is also the income from the Jodi lands.

Muzrai, dated 10th June 1904.

2. In these circumstances, the Government direct that the management of the temple should be immediately assumed by the Muzrai Department and placed under the Amildar of the Kunigal Taluk for the present. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to issue needful instructions forthwith and submit a detailed report on the income of the temple and of its affairs generally called for in view to enable Government to regulate its financial management. The result of the action taken should also be reported for information.

M. SHAMA RAO,
Offg. Secy., Muzrai Dept.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, returning vernacular records and two Registers.

The Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for information.

The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts.

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1903-04

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 10th June 1904

No. 3848-56

Directing the assumption by Government in the Muzrai Department of Sri Siddalingeswaraswamy temple at Yediyur, Kunigal Taluk, with its endowments.

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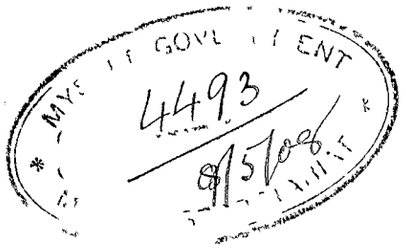

From The Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur Distt

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Dated 6th May 1908

Despatched

Received

General No 592
No.

Enclosure No. one file

Reporting the loss
of two Vahanams from
fire belonging to the Sri
Siddalingeswaraswami temple
at Yediyur, Kunigal Taluk.

Not as please

Please put up a short
note in cover

9/5/08.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District
Dated the 6th May 1908

From.

K. Chandy Esq B.A.,
Offg Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To.

L Anantasami Rao Esq B.A.,
Secretary to the government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to state that in Kunigal Taluk amildar's Ittila No 1055, dated 28th April 1908, it is reported that the two Vahanams (Bil-wavriksha and Parvatha Vahanams) belonging to the Sri Siddalingeswaraswami temple at Yediyur in the Kunigal Taluk, kept under a thatched-roof and protected on all sides by a thorn-hedge took fire on the morning of the 18th February 1908 at about 11 A.M.; that the woodwork of the Vahanams was burnt down leaving only the iron framework; that a bull-calf and a calf tied in a stone mantap that is situated close by perished

in the flames, the fire having extended to that mantap, and that through the help of the villagers the fire was put down. As to the cause of the outbreak of fire, it is further reported that some passersby might have thrown on the thorn-hedge a burning cigarette and the fire might have broken out on that account, and that it was purely an accident. The value of the Vahanams thus lost is stated to be Rs 300/-

2. The Kunigal Taluk Amildar's report quoted above with its enclosures is forwarded herewith for perusal

3. The Amildar has been directed to submit proposals for replacing the Vahanams.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedient servant
K Narasimha
for Deputy Commissioner

Draft for approval

Newspaper

S.V.

13.5.08

Read:-

Letter No 592, dated 6th May 1908, from the Deputy Commr., Tumkur District, reporting that on the 18th February 1908 accidental fire broke out in the Vahanam shed of the Sri Siddalingeswaraswami temple at Yediyur in the Kunigal Taluk, burning down the Bilva-vriksha and Parvata Vahanams of the temple, and that the loss thus caused is estimated at Rs 300/-

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Order thereon:-

Recorded. The loss caused to the temple by the accidental fire is regretted.

2. The proposed replacement of the lost Vahanams by fresh ones is awaited.

No. 5109 D/19.5.08.
Exec. over file

12/5/08

Secretary.

12/5/08

To

The Deputy Commr., Tumkur Dt.,

Retd. enclosures.

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From
The Deputy Commissioner
Trincomalee District

To
The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Depts
(Revenue)

Dated 23rd December 1908.

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General No. 365
No.

Enclosure No. one file

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by

Concurring with
the Auditor's opinion to
defer the replacement of
Valavanams lost by fire
belonging to Sri Siddalingeswara
Swami at Kuchaveri under
the circumstances repre
sented therein

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District
Dated 23rd December 1908

From K. Doraswami Iyer Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To. R. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esq B.A.B.L.
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue and Revenue Department
(Mysore)

Sir, Adverting to para 2 of the Government Proceedings no 5709, dated 29th May 1908, regarding the loss of Vahanams of Sri Siddalingeswara swami at Tyadigur by accidental fire, I have the honor to forward herewith the report no 576, dated 30th November 1908, of the Municipal Amildar stating that it is undesirable to undertake the replacement of the lost Vahanams at a heavy cost of Rs 1000/- now - When the institution cannot spare such a large amount out of its present savings of less than

Rs 1800/-, especially when the income during the coming Fasli is expected to be poor, and also when it is not possible to expect any contribution from the devotees till the seasonal conditions improve. The further report (no 568 dated 18th December 1905) that though the estimated cost of the Vahanams is only about Rs 300/- the estimate for this replacement is expected to be about Rs 1000/-

Under such circumstances, I concur with the Guildar's opinion to defer this replacement till the advent of better times when the funds of the institution will have improved and the devotees may come forward of their own accord to contribute for the reconstruction of the Vahanams in question —

The Vernacular Records are herewith resubmitted -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant

[signature]
Hereditary Conservator

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Diary No. of letter replied to— ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
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Date of issue 23.1.1909

Signed by M. A. S. Iyer

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 365, dated 23rd December 1908, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur district, reporting that the replacement of the Vahanams of the Sri Siddalingeswaraswami

ORDER THEREON.—No. temple at Yediyur in the Kunigal Taluk which were lost by fire, is estimated to cost Rs 1,000/-, and that the instn. can ill-afford to bear this expenditure at present owing to the small savings at its credit, and recommending that the replacement may be

over

SUBJECT

deferred to better times when the
funds of the temple will have
improved and the devotees will
come forward of their own accord
to contribute for the replacement
of the Vahanams in question

Order thereon:— No. 801/99-07-1A dt/23.1.09.

Approved. No objection ~~with~~ Accepted
this Observation that orders of Govt
are at present required.

Remarks
Tahsildar
for Secretary

To

The Dy Commr., Trunkal Dt.,

Ref: enclosures.